

City of Newton
Crime Prevention Commission

(Alternatively referred to below as CPC or the Commission)

Draft Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 2014

7:00pm - Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

Active Commissioners Present: Frank Wolpe (Chair), Richard Catrambone, and Debra Darcy

Commissioners' Consultants Present: Ken Brown, Sami O'Reilly, Barbara Wong, Bill Renke, Terry Sauro, Steven Hassan and Abby M. Wolpe

Student Guests: Philip Burns (who is about to earn his bachelor's degree and is interested in law enforcement); and Rebecca Bianchi (who is a freshman at Newton North High School)

Ex-Officio Member: NPD Lt. Bruce Apotheker Officer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Frank Wolpe, Chair who welcomed all present. Minutes for prior meetings were approved, followed by the presentation of the Monthly Comstat Crime Report by Lt. Bruce Apotheker (Two-time, 2010 and 2011, Nominee for coveted Person of the Year Award of the – City of Newton / Human Rights Commission)

The April 21, 2014 Boston Marathon – NPD Lt. Bruce Apotheker outlined City of Newton preparations for the 2014 Boston Marathon. He reviewed NPD plans, with the NPD Auxiliary in support, which were influenced by the security guidelines released by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), dated March 10, 2014. While this year's Boston Marathon was expected to draw great interest from the community, leading to more fans and spectators, those interested in attending the race are also being asked for their cooperation in following reasonable and common sense guidelines that will help ensure the safety and security of participants, volunteers and spectators. Spectators intending to watch the 2014 Boston Marathon from anywhere along the 26.2 mile course should expect a significant presence of uniformed and plain clothed police officers. Spectators may be asked to pass through security checkpoints; and law enforcement officers or contracted private security personnel may ask to inspect bags and other items being carried.

QPR training by NewtonCares, the City of Newton suicide

prevention group – Commissioners Rich Catrambone, Deb Darcy and the Chair also discuss the Commission’s involvement with *NewtonCares, the Coalition for Suicide Prevention* to provide training across the City. One platform for the delivery of that training will be by this Commission and for interested neighbors, who will join us. It will be delivered by Dr. David Gotthelf at our next Commission meeting on May 21st. It’s called QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer;) and it will provide participants with a working knowledge regarding the extent of suicide, reasons for such behavior, and basic skills development to recognize suicidal ideation and behavior. Participants will understand how that knowledge can be applied within the workplace, at home and in the community.

Commissioner Catrambone also distributed and discussed the MA Department of Public Health Bulletin on Suicides and Self Inflicted Injuries in Massachusetts: Data Summary, Spring 2014. He explained how the Bulletin provides information for practitioners and prevention specialists on the magnitude, trends and risk factors for suicide and other self inflicted injuries.

Other Business / Agenda Building / Meeting Adjournment – Our student guests discussed their personal histories and their interest in law enforcement. In closing, the Chair called for Commissioners and Consultants to report on on-goig projects, which they did, etc.

On a motion made by the Chair, and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.